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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

The Southern Command currently has 3 sworn vacancies. New Troopers are currently attending the specific academy in Las Vegas and in Carson City. The new hires and transfers have dramatically reduced our vacancies within the Southern Command.

Southern Command personnel handled 1117 crashes as compared to 1030 crashes in November of 2004. This was an increase of 8.4%. Crashes resulting in fatalities increased as compared to last year. In actual numbers there were 10 fatal crashes in November 2005 and 7 fatal crashes in November 2004. The Southern Command preliminary documentation shows an 18.4% decrease in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes. Of the 40 commercial crashes investigated this month, there were two fatalities; 7 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 31 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 3.6% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1187 crash reports and 420 arrest reports during November 2005. This resulted in 7253 crash reports being mailed out. These numbers remain consistent as compared to last year. Visitors to the front office that required services increased by 17.9% when compared November 2004. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 24,014 CAD incidents and 31,088 telephone calls received.

The Southern Command had a decrease in overall enforcement of 12.8% in November 2005, as compared to November 2004. Total DUI arrests were down 8.2% as compared to last year, however DUI's from crashes were down 5.6% as compared to November 2004. The Commercial Operations Section showed increases in overall enforcement violations and overweight citations as compared to November 2004.

Southern Command personnel continue to perform their duties admirably, and have benefited from a much needed increase in manpower. This manpower increase has affected the overall enforcement numbers due to the amount of man-hours expended in the training phase of the new employees. The 24,014 incidents/contacts with the public in October can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes. These contacts also included: motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation. As the Holidays continue, the demand related to the increase in visitors will also take its toll on available enforcement time.

I commend the personnel of the Southern Command for their diligence, dedication and professionalism.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	November-05	November-04	% Change	October-05	% Change
Total crashes	1117	1030	8.4 %	1285	-13.1 %
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	815	743	9.7 %	982	-17.0 %
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	292	280	4.3 %	294	-0.7 %
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	10	7	42.9 %	9	11.1 %
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	51	41	24.2 %	50	2.0 %
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	9	7	28.6 %	13	-30.8 %
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2	4	-50.0 %	3	-33.3 %
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	1	-100.0 %	2	-200.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	4	0	400.0%	7	-42.9 %
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	2	0	200.0 %	1	100.0 %
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1	2	-50.0 %	0	100.0 %
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	40	49	-18.4 %	55	-27.3 %
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	31	36	-13.9 %	42	-26.2 %
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	7	12	-41.7 %	12	-41.7 %
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	1	100 %	1	100.0 %

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.9 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.6 %
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 25.0 %
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 3.6 %
- ✱ Total crashes up 8.4 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 18.4 % from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes up 42.9 % compared to last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	November 2005	November 2004	% Change	October 2005	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	51	54	-5.6 %	50	2.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	123	134	-8.2 %	101	21.8%
Other arrests	807	734	9.9 %	814	-0.9 %
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	363	357	1.7 %	352	3.1 %
Speed violations	3105	3200	-3.0 %	2364	31.3 %
Hazardous moving violations	1678	2068	-18.9 %	1728	-2.9 %
Occupant restraint violations * ##	544	690	-21.2 %	432	25.9 %
Total violations [above violations included]	8826	10,120	-12.8 %	7715	14.4 %
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	54	69	-21.7 %	49	10.2 %
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	183	122	50.0 %	114	60.5 %
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	489	681	-28.2%	613	-20.2 %
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	2	N/A	-	N/A	-
Total safety violations -- citation	119	126	-5.6 %	199	-40.2 %
Total safety violations -- repair order	922	1027	-10.2 %	1,299	-29.0 %
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	47	71	-33.8 %	45	4.4 %
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	44	103	-57.3 %	35	25.7 %
Total school buses inspected	313	50	526.0 %	233	34.3 %
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	56	3	1766.7 %	41	36.6 %
Total trucks weighed	1217	13	9261.5 %	64	1801.6 %
Total overweight citations	26	4	550.0 %	22	18.2 %
Total dyed fuel inspections	490	403	21.6 %	610	-19.7 %
Total dyed fuel citations	10	2	400.0%	1	900.0 %

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops	Rural Ops	Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0	7	3
Safety Violations Citation	0	12	0
Safety Violations Repair Order	0	11	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	2	1
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	1	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	3	0

OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.15%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 33 years old.
- ✱ 2 % of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance. (pending)
- ✱ 5 % of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ✱ Traffic Enforcement is down 12.8 % from last year and up 14.4 % from last month.
- ✱ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement is down 21.7 % from last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle inspections are down 28.2 % from last year.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	November-05	November-04	% Change	October-05	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions from Console	173,385	N/A **	N/A	108,839	59.3 %
Radio Tx and Receive totals	423,183	N/A **	N/A	281,229	50.5 %
CAD Incidents	24,014	21,168	13.4 %	22,616	6.2 %
Telephone Calls	31,088	36,907	-15.8 %	34,023	-8.6 %
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	101	114	-11.4 %	123	-17.9 %
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	1,187	1,071	10.8 %	1,289	-7.9 %
Arrest Reports Processed	420	426	-1.4 %	373	12.6 %
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	13	9	44.4 %	36	-63.9 %
Vehicle Impound Releases	101	183	-44.8 %	99	2.0 %
Visitors at Counter	950	806	17.9 %	989	-3.9 %
Crash Reports Mailed Out	7,253	7,310	-0.8 %	7,928	-8.5 %
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	188	401	-53.1 %	949	-80.2 %
Warrants Entered	169	193	-12.4 %	199	-15.1 %
Warrants Cleared	424	188	125.5 %	212	100.0 %
Warrants Validated	978	1411	-30.7 %	1,922	-49.1 %
Extradition / Transports	11	13	-15.4 %	13	-15.4 %
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	83	104	-20.2 %	91	-8.8 %
New Items Submitted	133	184	-27.7 %	151	-11.9 %
Items Disposed	8	19	-57.9 %	20	-60.0 %

**Radio TX unavailable due to 800 transitions

CONTRACT SERVICES

- ✱ 9 Contracts requiring 286.50 work hours, billing \$16,407.92

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 94.0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 6.0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0.0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Compliance Enforcement Division is responsible for 0.0% of case submissions.

AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

- ✱ 6 Enforcement missions flown.
- ✱ 0 Prisoner transports.

COMMENDATIONS

- ✱ 4 from public to sworn
- ✱ 5 from other Public Organizations

PUBLIC INFORMATION**NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE INCOMING AIRMAN'S BRIEFING:**

Personnel reporting to Nellis Air Force Base were presented a class on Nevada traffic laws with special emphasis on seat belt safety and the dangers of driving while intoxicated. November 8th and 22nd, 2005

HEAT PROGRAM: TRAFFIC SAFETY CLASSES:

The HEAT program had another successful month with educating the community. Several Troopers utilized the Camero and HEAT truck at several schools throughout the valley. November 4th was the only "test and tune" session this month. Several Troopers practiced racing down the Strip becoming a crowd favorite.

RED RIBBON ROAD DEDICATION WITH STOP DUI:

The 18th Annual Dedication and Red Ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Kyle Canyon Road (State Route 157) sponsored by STOP DUI to promote a safe and sober Holiday Season.

Nellis Air Show / Aviation Nation 2005:

During the 3 day event which was attended by over 250,000 people, the NHP was able to display the Mobile Command Center, NHP Aircraft, HEAT car, and a Harley Davidson Motor Cycle at the recruitment booth.

DRIVER'S EDGE:

The HEAT program continues to be a strong asset to the Driver's Edge program. The HEAT presentation includes a DUI discussion and activities as well as presentations on seat belt safety and traffic laws. The weekend was well received by over 574 parents and teens.

Public Requests for Information: 88

- 2 were forward to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints
- 86 were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain a accident report

Press releases: 10

- 8 were Fatal related
- 2 were NHP related